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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER MAY 11, 1974
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEMS
MIDDLE EAST MILITARY SITUATION: FIGHTING ON THE SYRIAN FRONT
WAS MODERATE YESTERDAY. TANK, ARTILLERY, AND MORTAR FIRE WAS
EXCHANGED AROUND MOUNT HERMON AND ALONG THE ISRAELI-HELD SALIENT
DOWN TO THE SOUTHERN SECTOR. BOTH ISRAELI AND SYRIAN AIRCRAFT
FLEW STRIKES YESTERDAY. AT LEAST 15 ISRAELI PHANTOMS AND SPY-
HAWKS HIT TARGETS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON, AND UN OBSERVERS REPORTED
THAT FOUR SYRIAN MIG-17S STRUCK TARGETS IN THE SALIENT. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE SAUDI PRESS AGENCY
REPORTED YESTERDAY THAT TWO SAUDI SOLDIERS HAD BEEN KILLED AND
FIVE OTHERS WOUNDED IN THE CURRENT FIGHTING ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS.
THE AGENCY DID NOT SAY WHEN THE CASUALTIES WERE INFLECTED.

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VIET CONG SUSPEND TWO-PARTY TALKS: THE VIET CONG YESTERDAY PULLED OUT OF THE TWO-PARTY MILITARY TALKS IN SAIGON. THE MOVE WAS APPARENTLY INTENDED AS RETALIATION FOR SOUTH VIETNAM'S BOYCOTT OF POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS IN PARIS TWO WEEKS AGO. THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE HAD ALSO SUSPENDED THE DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES OF THE VIET CONG'S MILITARY DELEGATION IN SAIGON. THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE HAD TAKEN THESE ACTIONS IN TURN TO PROTEST THE COMMUNIST CAPTURE OF A BORDER OUTPOST AND A GENERAL RISE IN THE TEMPO OF COMMUNIST MILITARY ACTION.

BOTH SIDES HAVE BEEN EXCHANGING RHETORIC OVER WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EROSION OF THE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT. NEITHER SIDE PRESENTLY WANTS TO SEE A TOTAL BREAKDOWN OF THE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT, AND EACH HAS LEFT ITSELF ROOM TO RECONVENE BOTH THE SAIGON AND PARIS TALKS WHENEVER THEY TWO WISH. THE VIET CONG ARE APPARENTLY MAINTAINING THE DELEGATION IN SAIGON, AND HAVE STATED THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO RESUME THE TWO-PARTY MILITARY TALKS ONCE THE SVN RESTORES THE PRIVILEGES AND FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT OF THE COMMUNIST DELEGATION.

CAMBODIANS RETAKE LOVEK TRAINING CENTER: DEFENDERS OF THE BESIEGED GOVERNMENT BASE AT LOVEK, 25 MILES NORTH OF PHNOM PENH, YESTERDAY REOCCUPIED A NEARBY MILITARY TRAINING CENTER WHICH HAD RECENTLY FALLEN INTO INSURGENT HANDS. COMMUNIST RESISTANCE WAS DESCRIBED AS MODERATE TO HEAVY. THE RECENT SLACKENING IN COMMUNIST AROUND PRESSURE AGAINST LOVEK HAS ENABLED GOVERNMENT FORCES TO CAUTIOUSLY EXPAND THEIR DEFENSIVE PERIMETER, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE BY NO MEANS OUT OF THE WOODS YET.

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RIOTING IN HONDURAS: STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN TEGUCIGALPA,
PROTESTING MAY DAY EVENTS IN NEIGHBORING GUATEMALA, HAVE LEAD
TO THE DEATH OF SEVERAL PERSONS IN THE LAST TWO DAYS. OUR EM-
BASSY REPORTS THAT THESE ARE THE MOST INTENSE DEMONSTRATIONS
SINCE 1969 (IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE WAR WITH EL SALVADOR) AND
THAT THERE HAS BEEN EXTENSIVE PROPERTY DAMAGE AND STOPPAGE OF
ACTIVITY IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY. ARMY TROOPS WERE PUT ON
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ALERT THURSDAY AS POLICE SOUGHT TO CONTROL THE RIOTS BUT RIOTING
CONTINUED FRIDAY. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE ARMY WILL BE CALLED
IN TO HELP PUT THE DISORDERS DOWN.

25X1 OUR EMBASSY COMMENTS THAT THIS IS THE SORT OF DISTURBANCE THAT
MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY HAVE ACCUSED THE CABINET OF ENCOURAGING
BECAUSE OF ITS BIAS IN FAVOR OF LABOR AND THE PEASANTS. THE
CURRENT UNREST AND A LONG TERM MILITARY DISSATISFACTION WITH THE
ADMINISTRATION OF PRESIDENT LOPEZ COULD SPARK THE LONG PREDICTED
MILITARY MOVE TO REMOVE THE PRESIDENT.

VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S ASSURANCES: VENEZUELAN FOREIGN
MINISTER SCHACHT ASSURED OUR AMBASSADOR FRIDAY THAT VENEZUELA
WAS FULLY AWARE OF ITS OBLIGATION WITH REGARD TO COMPENSATION
IF IN FACT MATTERS CAME TO A CASE OF NATIONALIZATION OF THE IRON
ORE COMPANIES. HIS COUNTRY, HE SAID, HAD NO INTENTION OF ACTING
LIKE SOME OTHER COUNTRIES HAD DONE. HE FURTHER SAID HE WAS
SURE WE COULD CONTINUE TO RELY ON VENEZUELA AS A TRADITIONAL
SUPPLIER OF IRON ORE.

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